



Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

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NEW LIFESAVING FACILITY SET FOR OFFICIAL OPENING AT QUEENSCLIFF

The Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club is preparing to officially open the newly finished Surf Rescue facility at the Santa Casa Beach, Queenscliff.

On **Saturday 8th March at 12:00 Noon** the The Honourable Justin Madden MLC, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Commonwealth Games will officially open the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club's new Beach Base facility at the Santa Casa Beach, Queenscliff.

This will see the culmination of a great deal of planning and effort by the Club to firstly, establish another patrolled beach in the Borough and secondly to establish a permanent Surf Rescue facility in the Queenscliff area. The Club has for many years desired to establish a presence in Queenscliff. In 1999 Professional Lifeguards commenced on a trial basis and now regularly provide a patrolled beach there each Summer school holidays. This facility houses all equipment required at Queenscliff for this and also enables the Club to store the necessary equipment required for the training of additional members.

The Minister will be joined by the Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor Val Lawrence, Council Officials, Officials from the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club, together with a number of representatives from trusts and businesses that have assisted with the construction of this purpose built facility at Queenscliff.

Construction of this purpose built facility commenced in July of this year and was completed in time for the Summer patrol period.

The total project cost was approximately \$ 185 000 and funds have come from a variety of sources. The State Government has contributed as part of the "Lifesaving into the 21st Century Program", together with the Borough of Queenscliffe, Hotel Care and finally from both fundraising efforts and from personal donations of members and friends of the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club.

For further information including photo opportunities please contact the Chairperson of the Building Committee – Bruce Smith on 0412 596 883.

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Always swim between the red and yellow flags – no lives lost 'between the flags'*

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